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Pillsbury Hall
2430 K Street (upstairs)

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FLETCHER TO SPEAK

As is customary with men in public office, we must say that, due to the nature of the responsibilities of his office, barring unforeseen circumstances, Deputy Mayor Commissioner Thomas W. Fletcher will be the main speaker at the FBA meeting Monday, January 27, 8 p.m., Pillsbury Hall, 2430 K St., N.W. Come and show that we are interested in our community.

A WINDOW ON BUREAUCRACY

A broken sidewalk; an abandoned car; trash in a vacant lot or alley; violations of the housing code; a family in desperate straits without heat, food or medical care. All of these and many more problems, urgent to the individual, involve services of your municipal government which often because of lack of knowledge are not brought to bear upon them satisfactorily.

To more effectively handle and solve these problems for citizens, a City Hall Complaint Center has been established in Room 9 of the District Building at 14th and E Sts., N.W. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, the Center is manned by volunteers receiving calls on 6 lines at 393-3333.

Complaints are referred to the responsible District agency - Sanitation, Housing, Highways and Traffic, Public Health, Education, Public Welfare, and Police. When referring complaints the volunteers always elicit what the agency intends to do and when, and keep the complainant advised. Records on all complaints and follow-ups are maintained. Complaints are considered resolved only on the basis of information received from the complainant, not the agency. Emergencies, such as no heat, bad leaks, severe financial distress are expedited and follow-up maintained every day until resolved.

Volunteers for this interesting work are welcome. No previous knowledge of the city govern-

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NEW STATUE IN FOGGY BOTTOM

That raised finger of the new statue at Virginia and New Hampshire Avenues belongs to Don Benito Juarez, Mexico's greatest patriot, full-blooded Zapotec Indian, contemporary of Abraham Lincoln, and President of Mexico in 1860.

A gift from the Mexican people, this statue accepted by Dean Rusk on January 7 for the American people, with right arm raised in a gesture of leadership and left arm holding the laws he championed, is a replica of one in his native city.

After being orphaned and running away from his guardian to go to work at age 12, a Franciscan priest interested him in the priesthood, from which he turned to law in the cause of the poor. He became Governor of his state and, eventually, President of all of Mexico.

President Johnson dedicated a statue of Abraham Lincoln in Mexico City in April of 1956.⁶⁵

An excellent library reference is "Benito Juarez, Builder of a Nation" by Emma Gelders Sterne. Statues of Washington, Juarez, and Lincoln in Foggy Bottom should remind us of something higher to live up to.

Foggy Bottom was saddened by the sudden death on January 3 of Frances Reyburn Abbott, wife of Reverend F. Everett Abbott of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Mrs. Abbott was a friendly and outgoing person, and we are grieved for Father Abbott, their four children and fourteen grandchildren.

A moving memorial service was held Sunday, January 5, at St. Mary's; the church was filled with her friends and neighbors who heard thanks given for her enthusiasm and "quiet gaiety."

Gifts in her memory may be sent to Children's Hospital, in which she had a special interest.

The New City Montessori School is a new pre-school which opened in September with its first class of about a dozen students who come every day from 8:45 to noon.

Taking in a number of local poor children on scholarship, one of the New City School's explicit goals is to provide an alternative to the modern liberal parent who recognizes the evils of an all-white middle class life but who is unwilling to send his child to a school for the poor offering an inferior education.

Regarding the controversial method, Mr. Walter Hardesty, Director-Teacher of the New City School, says, "We try to draw on the enormous and largely untapped mental capacities of the pre-school child. We offer the child a certain amount of order and direction and try to help him on his way toward self-regulation and authentic spontaneity.

With entering ages between 2-1/2 and 4, the school is starting a waiting list for next year and plans a class for 7- to 12-year-olds with Montessori experience.

To observe a class or have an interview, contact Mr. Hardesty during office hours at 333-3227.

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ment is required. It is estimated that in about a week's time a volunteer can become completely familiar with the channels of agency contact and effectively participate in bringing better municipal services to the individual.

A phone call to the above number or visit to Room 9 could lead to many worthwhile and satisfying experiences. The sense of responsiveness to his problems an individual receives from his system of government helps determine the degree of his support of that system.

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FOGGY DOINGS

The December 1st arrival at Terry and Bill Robinson's in Queen Anne's Lane is named William Alexander. ... If you passed 25th & Eye Streets New Year's evening, you probably are wondering, too, how that little Triumph managed to knock down that light pole. ... Perhaps 25th Street's Betty and Harry Brown could give the FB Farmerette the secret ingredient they use on their lovely pyracantha. ... Margaret and Charlie Culhane, back from a trip to Latin America, report that Liz and Nathaniel Davis are settling comfortably into Embassy life in Guatemala City.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus arrived early in Foggy Bottom, on December 21, and led a group of neighborhood children and adults on a holiday parade from Washington Circle, down New Hampshire Ave., around "I" and 26th Streets to St. Paul's Church. Mama in her kerchief and Papa in his cap came to windows along the way to return the "Me-r-r-y Christmas" greeting. At St. Paul's, the merry-makers were serenaded by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Band and were served cookies and punch. Each child also received a whistle and balloon as gifts. Santa having served as a benevolent Pied Piper, some 60 children had joined up and were on hand for the festivities.

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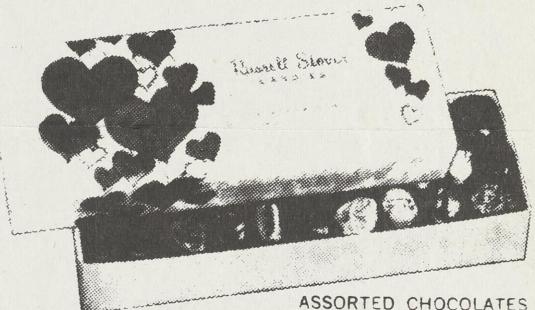
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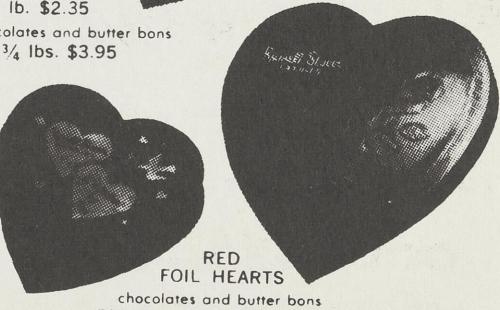
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THE FB FARMERETTE

A strawberry barrel for next spring is what I wanted for our balcony. My husband said, "You must mean strawberry basket." I didn't. Strawberry barrels in various forms have been used for centuries for gardening without a garden, and strawberry jardiniers can still be bought from pottery shops.

The plants (strawberry or flowers) grow from one-inch holes drilled eight inches apart polka dot fashion. A perforated pipe (metal, wood or tile) placed lengthwise down the center of the barrel brings air to the soil (equal parts of manure, sandy loam, peatmoss and perlite or vermiculite).

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Mary Lande

An ecumenical service at 7:30 p.m. in the church and a social happening at 8:00 p.m. in the rectory begins Phase Three of an ecumenical discussion series held at St. Stephen Martyr Church at 25th and Pennsylvania. Both laity and clergy of Foggy Bottom Churches will participate in this Thursday night dialog series open to all residents of Foggy Bottom.

Circle Theatre
2103 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. FE 7-4470

Jan. 26-27	"Repulsion" plus "Fearless Vampire Killers"
Jan. 28	"Diabolique" plus "Kwaidan"
Jan. 29	"Freaks" plus "Horror of Dracula"
Jan. 30	"Lord of the Flies" plus "Children of the Damned"
Jan. 31-Feb. 1	"The Loved One" plus "The Collector"
Feb. 2-3	"The Day the Earth Caught Fire" plus "Time Machine"

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